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1. The two 3,000-ton freighters [redacted] under construction at the Neptun Shipyard in Rostock were called Brandwachen (fire boats) and were to serve as submarine tender ships. The ships with construction [redacted] were also intended to be used for this purpose. 25X1
2. The 3,000-ton freighters [redacted] had construction [redacted] and were two meters longer than the preceding ships. They were still at the building slip. F 15 was expected to be launched after late April. At a production conference at the Neptun Shipyard, it was learned that the building program would be changed, inasmuch as the two freighters for Bulgaria would be constructed only after the construction of Brandwache 1. 25X1
3. The personnel at the Neptun Shipyard generally believed that the ships called Brandwache were actually ships for the Soviet Navy, since they were carried as export orders. Many compressors for compressed air (sic) were seen being taken aboard [redacted] requests for material, etc. bore the designation [redacted] list of the required equipment had been yet made [redacted] by 31 March 1955. The chief of the purchase section was ordered to procure this list prior to 15 April. 25X1
4. An employee in a leading position at HV Schiffbau (Main Administration Shipbuilding) stated on 19 April 1955, that the Brandwachen were being equipped with numerous fire-extinguishing devices. He believed that the ships concerned were armed special vessels which were to be employed as barrage ships and fire brigade ships, for use at the entrances of Black Sea harbors (fuel wharfs). 25X1

Comment. According to the previous program, the two ships were to be built for Bulgaria. the following ships are to be fitted with oil-fired boilers instead of coal-fired boilers.

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